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Open Enrollment Extended



Open Enrollment has been extended until **Oct. 23** for all employees of state government, the Board of Education, Health Department, and KCYCS who are members of the Commonwealth Health Plan.

u When you have decided on your health insurance plan, turn in your completed health insurance form as soon as possible to make sure that you get your identification card by Jan. 1, 1999.

u Contact your Agency Insurance Coordinator or the Health Insurance Branch in the Personnel Cabinet at 502-564-6534 or 1-888-581-8834 if you have questions.

Open Enrollment Delayed in 17 Counties

Open Enrollment in the following 17 counties has been temporarily delayed due to ongoing negotiations with Health Insurance Carriers in these areas of the state.

Caldwell	Henderson
Calloway	Hopkins
Christian	McLean
Crittenden	Muhlenberg
Daviess	Ohio
Fulton	Todd
Graves	Trigg
Hancock	Union
	Webster

Looking for a CFC Job?

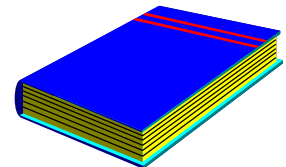
CFC job vacancies will be sent to all office heads electronically beginning Nov. 1, and hard copy notices will no longer be sent to individual offices. Each office head will be responsible for assigning someone to print and post all vacancy announcements.

Approved vacancy announcements will be posted on Friday of each week through Friday of the following week, after which vacancies will be posted on the Internet for 10 days and registers may be requested.

KECU Breaks Ground on Future Location

Kentucky Employees Credit Union (KECU) broke ground Oct. 8 for its new 10,200 square-foot facility. Construction is set to begin before the end of the year, and the building is tentatively scheduled to be completed by September 1999.

Once completed, the building, located on the corner of Glenn's Creek Road and the East-West Connector in Frankfort, will become the main office for KECU. The expanded space will offer a drive-thru window, an ATM, easy access, and more privacy for conducting business.



A Donation Never Tasted So Good

If you're tired of the same old recipes or want to impress people at your next potluck dinner, buy a CHS-KECC Cookbook. This \$7 cookbook is filled with delicious recipes for salads, main dishes, desserts, and more from CHS employees. Not only will they enhance your kitchen but they make great Christmas gifts, too. All proceeds benefit the Kentucky Employee Charitable Campaign.

Cookbooks are available at the 4th floor information desk in the CHR building. You can make checks payable to KECC.

Child Support Conference A Huge Success

By Kathy Adams

"Feel good about it! Be good at it! Be a winner at all that you do!" These were the inspiring words spoken by U.K. Athletics Director C. M. Newton, addressing the 1998 Child Support Conference last week in Lexington.

"I'm fired up," said one assistant county attorney, "and I'm not sure I've ever been fired up about child support before! I've attended many conferences in state and out of state, and this is by far the best. I've learned a lot, plus I've had a great time."

From state and national child support experts to concerned grandparents, more than 600 attendees at this year's conference had a wonderful opportunity to learn, share experiences, and have fun. In addition to C. M. Newton, Kentucky Attorney General Ben Chandler and Lt. Gov. Steve Henry also addressed conference attendees. This year's conference covered topics ranging from an overview of new legislation to fatherhood initiatives, from building self-esteem to federal reporting requirements, from in-hospital paternity acknowledgement to domestic violence.

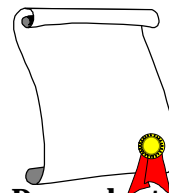
The conference concluded on Friday with an awards ceremony honoring outstanding child-support employees and contracting officials. Child support employees were nominated and selected by their peers. The Top 10 contracting officials, based on point values received for their performance improvement in several child-support categories, were also honored. *(Please see column to the right for a listing of award recipients).*



The 1998 Kentucky Child Support Conference was held in conjunction with Child Support Enforcement Awareness Week. Gov. Paul Patton declared the week of Oct. 6-9 as Child Support Enforcement Awareness Week to highlight the united efforts being made in Kentucky to provide support for the children of the Commonwealth.

While attendees worked hard and learned a lot, they also had time for a bit of levity. The highlight was Thursday evening's "DCS Variety Show" when CFC employees showcased some extraordinary and some other than ordinary talents.

1998 CHILD SUPPORT AWARDS



KIDS (Kentuckians Involved in Dependents' Support) Award

Joseph "Jock" and Joan Conley - Nicholas County Attorney's Office

Career Service Award

Gerald Gilpin - Central Office

Outstanding Child Support Manager

Shelia Lambert - Boyd County

Outstanding Child Support Supervisor

Glenda Martin - Central Office

Outstanding Child Support Employees

Sheila Blevins - Jefferson County
Ada Ford - Fleming County
Lanna Dunn - Franklin County
Debbie Harrod - Central Office
Sally Jones - Central Office
JoAnn Johnson - Central Office
Wanda Kinnaird - Central Office
Jason Mullins - Fayette County
Ruth Porterfield - Boyle County I
Janet Underwood - Boyle County II

Outstanding Contracting Official

Fred Neikirk - Pulaski County

Outstanding Contracting Official Employees

Brenda Curry - Lawrence County
Connie Lindsey - Mclean County
Mary Beth Ehnes - Jefferson County
Brenda McIntyre - Daviess County
Marilyn McPherson - Boyle County
Tonya Uselton - Jefferson County
Byron Ockerman - Fayette County

Top 10 Contracting Official

Performers

1. Danny Rock - Larue County
2. Robert Miller - Meade County
3. Fred Neikirk - Pulaski County
4. John Paul Jones II - Wayne County
5. Robert L. Fears - Christian County
6. Ken Howard - Hardin County
7. H. B. Quinn - Trigg County
8. Benjamin Rogers - Barren County
9. Billy N. Riley - Livingston County
10. (tie) Joel Rich - Webster County
& Steve O'Connor - Morgan County



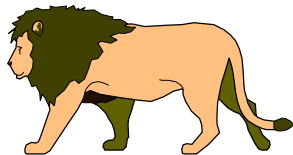
Central Office Notes and Activities

- ✓ The **Wakeup Wednesday** for Oct. 21 will be "Learning to Live and Work Off Balance – Destroying the Myths about the Good Worker, Good Boss, and Good Workplace." The session is open to all and runs from 8:30 to 10 a.m. in the CHS Auditorium.
- ✓ **Breast Self-exam Classes Offered.** As part of Breast Cancer Awareness month, CHS will teach female employees how to properly do a breast self exam. The same class will be offered twice – on Oct. 20 and 28 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Distance Learning Center on the third floor of the Health Services building.

To sign up for one of the two classes, contact Marie Withrow at 564-3236. Only 10 slots are available in each class, but if more than 20 people sign up, a third class will be considered.

And if you think you can wait a while to begin self exams, consider this: Breast cancer is second only to lung cancer in deaths due to cancer of women in Kentucky and throughout the nation. A monthly breast self exam can catch breast cancer early, a major factor in successful treatment.

- ✓ **Reminder to all Special Friends:** Sail on in to the next Special Friends sharing meeting! Our guest speaker will be Robin Zapp-Basil, who will discuss child abuse. The meeting will be held Oct. 28 at 2:30 p.m. in the CHR cafeteria area.



- ✓ **Halloween Walk with the Animals.** Help bring back the animals to the Game Farm and have a SUPER Natural Halloween at the Dr. James C. Salato Wildlife Education Center. Cost is \$3 per person on Oct. 29, 30, and 31 from 5 – 8 p.m. Located on the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Game Farm on US 60, just west of Frankfort. For more information call 1-800-858-1549.

Joint Training Session on Contract Administration System Scheduled

A training session on the CHS/CFC Contract Administration System will be held Oct. 28-29 at the Salato Wildlife Center. The first in a series of training sessions over the next few months, this session will focus on how the



two agencies develop, draft, process, and implement contracts for services. Speakers include staff from the Management And Reporting System (MARS) project, Division of Purchases, Legislative Research Commission, and CHS/CFC Offices of Program Support.

Program and project staff, contract officers, and division and branch contract administration staff are invited to attend. The training series will give CHS/CFC staff the background information necessary for the eventual statewide transition to MARS and a framework for developing performance-based contracting.

For more information on the training, contact Jare Schneider at jschneid2@mail.state.ky.us or 502/564-2781.

1999 Holidays for State Personnel

The following is a list of holidays for the coming year:

Monday, Jan. 18, 1999: Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
 Friday, April 2, 1999: Good Friday
 Monday, May 31, 1999: Memorial Day
 Monday, July 5, 1999: Independence Day
 Monday, Sept. 6, 1999: Labor Day
 Thursday, Nov. 11, 1999: Veterans Day
 Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25 – 26, 1999: Thanksgiving

December holidays will be announced later.

Pipeline, a weekly newsletter for employees of the Cabinets for Families and Children and Health Services, welcomes reader comments and contributions. Items for *Pipeline* are due by 4:30p.m. Tuesdays; items for intercom announcements are due by 4:30p.m. Monday. Send information to Cary Willis at cwillis1@mail.state.ky.us.